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and Hooker have placed *Syndesmon*, Hoffm., under *Anemone*, though Dr. Gray considered it a subgenus under *Thalictrum*. Taking all circumstances into account, it would seem a wise policy to go back to the old Linnean name of *Anemone thalictroides* and settle our rue anemone in the place where it can find its closest connections.

Cincinnati, Ohio.

JOS. F. JAMES.

Abnormal Trillium.—A specimen of *Trillium sessile* was lately brought to me which was quite interesting because of its departure from the normal type. Instead of having the parts all in threes, they were mostly in fives. There were five leaves, five sepals, five petals, eight stamens, four stigmas and a four-celled ovary. One of the petals had partly developed an anther on one side. The plant is very common here, but I have never seen a specimen like this before.

Cincinnati, Ohio.

JOS. F. JAMES.

Violet with Runners.—Does any one know whether it is common to find *Viola striata* producing long runners? I have found, in a locality near here, many specimens which have runners from 12 to 18 inches long, and I should like to know whether this is a common thing with white violets.

Cincinnati, Ohio.

JOS. F. JAMES.

Alfred Robson Young died in Brooklyn, N. Y., April 12th, 1883, aged 54 years.

Mr. Young was born in York, England, January 14th, 1829, received his early education in Scarborough, and, at the age of fourteen, came to this country with his uncle, Mr. John Johnson, of Brooklyn. For more than forty years he was a collector and student of marine algæ, and made large collections in Europe, America and Australia, having resided in the latter country for a considerable time some thirty years ago.

Perhaps no man of the present generation was so intimately acquainted with the marine flora of New York Bay and adjacent waters as Mr. Young. An acute and accomplished botanist in this department, he was a gentleman of many graces and virtues of mind and character, and will be long and pleasantly remembered by all who shared his friendship. Though suffering from painful diseases, through many months and years, and which first deprived him of sight and at last of life itself, he was remarkably cheerful to the end, and never ceased to take a lively interest in his favorite plants.

Taunton, Mass.

A. B. HERVEY.

Carices Wanted.—Mr. Sereno Watson writes us that Dr. H. Christ, Rue de l'Arbre, 5, Basel, Switzerland, is engaged upon a revision of the European *Carices*, and desires to procure, by exchange or purchase, American specimens for comparison.

Austin's Musci Exsiccati.—Mrs. C. F. Austin, of Closter, N. J., writes us that she still has remaining two sets of the *Musci Appalachiani* and five of the *Supplement*, which she will dispose of at a low price to any one who desires to purchase them.